from the Customs lounge at Sahar Airport. In one case, the goods were found to have been deposited in the Customs warehouse as uncla med and were resorted to the passeng r. In the remaining tw$_0$ o.ise;;. the good I alleged to have been stole$_n$ could not bf located on enquiry. No Customs or Airport official was alleged to have bee$_n$ involved in any of these cases. The Customs Department is not liable for payment of compensation for any thefts occurring inside the Customs lounges. Such co npVaints of thefts are registered and enqi ;red into by the police authorities.

Steps initiated by banks to control frauds and robberies

2124. SHRI S. ,\ AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it i a fact that to control Bank Frauds and jobberies being committed in nationalise!" Banks all over the country, the Mini try of Home Affairs suggested certain pecial steps sometimes duing the years 1)83 and 1984;

(b) if so, what are the detail's of the special steps suggested;

(c) whether the i steps have since been taken by the nati inalised banks all over the country;

(d) if not, the r> >mes of banks and their respective brancho alongwith the detailed reasons in each <ase; and

(e) what acticn Government propose to take against si A bank??

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JA-NARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Home Affairs hav$_e$ intimated that during the years 1983 and 1984 they had not suggested any special steps to be taken to control ank frauds and robberies.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Branches of banks opened

2125. SHR S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to stale:

(a) the number of branches of nationalised bank$_s$ opened in the country during the last 3 years-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of branches of nationalised banks proposed to be opened during the current and next financial year; Statewise;

(c) whether it is a feet that the number of branches of nationalised banks opened in Bihar is much less in comparison to the branches opened by these banks in other States if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI TA-NARDHAN POOJARI): (a) State-wise details of bank offices opened in the country during the last three years is given in the statement. *(See* below).

(b) On the basi$_s$ of lists of identified centres received from the State Govern-ment, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has so far allotted 4440 centres to banks including Regional Rural Banks for opening branches at the rural and semi urban centres under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985—90. RBI has advised the banks that branches against the allotted centres, should be opened in a phased manner during the remaining period of the current Policy. Opening of branches by the b3nks at the centres allotted to them depends upon several factors such as availability of requisite infra-structural facilities including suitable pre-mises, adequacy of security arrangements etc. It is therefore, not possible at this stage to indicate the number of branches that will be opene'd during the current year and the next financial year.

(c) and (d) During the last three years, 1065 bank offices were opened in Bihar which in terms of numbers is more tha$_n$ the number of branches opened in any other State except Utta$_r$ Pradesh.

Statement

Statewise Union Territory-wise number of bank offices opened in the country during 1984 1985 *and* 1986.

Name of State	1984	1985	1986
Andhra Pradesh	382	313	25
Assam	79	179	14
Bihar	318	729	18
Gujarat	158	192	21
Haryana	48	61	10
Himachal Pradesh	23	27	11
Jammu and Kashmir	41	32	—
Karnataka	347	203	17
Kerala	74	80	5
Madhya Pradesh	362	297	49
Maharashtra	320	242	38
Manipur	7	11	—
Meghalaya	24	11	4
Nagaland	6	6	1
Orissa	194	140	8
Punjab	107	58	10
Rajasthan	279	326	7
Sikkim	2	—	—
Tamil Nadu	229	138	5
Tripura	14	14	—
Uttar Pradesh	715	751	51
West Bengal	179	492	65
Andaman & Nicobar Island	—	1	—
Arunachal Pradesh	7	9	5
Chandigarh	6	2	—
Delhi	45	29	6
Goa, Daman & Diu	2	—	—
Mizoram	17	12	—
Pondicherry	3	1	—
TOTAL :	3988	4356	371